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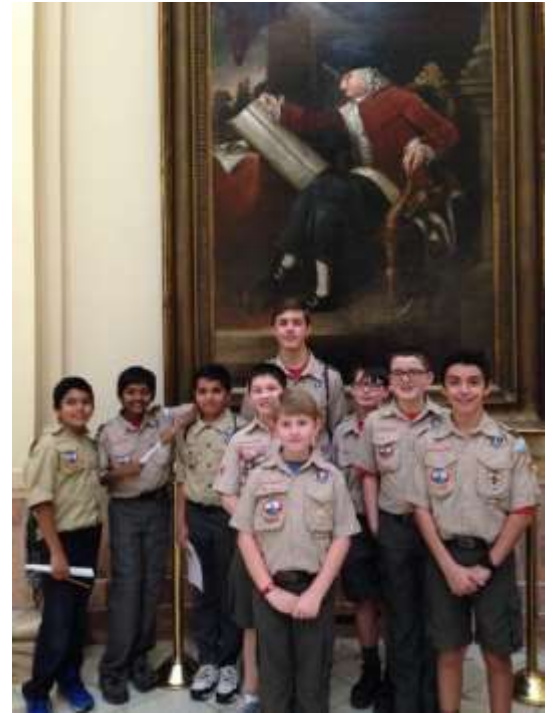
# TROOP 629 NEWS **March 2017**

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This newsletter is intended for Troop 629 Scouts and their families.  
Please email [k.cline@earthlink.net](mailto:k.cline@earthlink.net) to be added to or removed from this list.



We kicked off spring Scouting with a bang...literally! Troop 629 participated in Scout Day at the Capitol this month, then continued with the trip to the Okenfenokee Swamp with shotguns and canoeing. Troop 629 took one of the largest groups we've had on an outing!  
Click [here](#) to see more Troop pictures.



## **Up and Coming:**

- ❖ **ECOH Andrew Grigsby 3/19**
- ❖ **District Camporee 3/17-19**
- ❖ **Board of Review 3/20**

All newsletters, pictures and up-to-date information are at

[www.troop629.org](http://www.troop629.org)

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING THE NEWLETTER OR OTHER TROOP COMMUNICATIONS,

PLEASE EMAIL: Kathryn Cline, Troop 629 Communications Chair at

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# Scout Handshake

SCOUT – TENDERFOOT – SECOND CLASS – FIRST CLASS – STAR – LIFE – EAGLE



## Scout:

Ethan Verch

## Tenderfoot:

Ethan Campbell

## Second Class:

Tillmon Won

## First Class:

none

## Star:

Sam Beagle

## Life:

none

## Eagle:

none

***Congratulations to each of you  
On achieving your next rank!***

**Summer Camp! Our troop will attend Summer Camp at Woodruff Scout Reservation June 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>! \$100 deposit was due February 20<sup>th</sup>, next deposit is due March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*\*REGISTRATION FORMS DUE MONDAY 3/20!!!\*\***

All information regarding summer camp can be found on the website under the "Camping" tab at the top. Once on the Summer Camp 2017 page, check out the links on right hand side of the page. The "Informational Packet & Registration Forms" link contains all of the detail and logistics. Make sure we know that you want to attend and your desired classes so we can make that happen. **Sign up early to help ensure you get the classes you want as classes do fill up! Registration forms must be turned in by Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>!** Annual Health & Medicals and additional Summer Camp forms are due Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

For any questions regarding Summer Camp please contact Luis Gutierrez at 770 - 309 - 4451, at the following email address: [twogutz@gmail.com](mailto:twogutz@gmail.com), or stop by any Troop Meeting to discuss with him.

## **Important Information about Health Forms**

As we are gearing up for Summer Camp, we will be collecting and updating health forms for both our scouts and registered adults. Forms for all of those attending Summer Camp (scouts and adults) are due May 8th. A few important pieces of information to keep in mind when you update your forms:

1. It is against BSA policy to accept or store health information via electronic means. You must bring in a hard COPY of your health form for us to file.
2. There are times when part C of the health form is needed outside of Troop activities, BE SURE to keep a copy of the form with the Doctor signature, DO NOT hand in your only copy. We store the forms in a secure locked area, and cannot always get them quickly with only a few days' notice and make a copy. PLEASE help us to make this big job MUCH easier by keeping a copy of your forms at home, both for outside events or in case we need to replace a misfiled copy.
3. Before sending in forms please look them over and make sure all parts of the form have the appropriate signatures and are dated where indicated. Every year we have to track down dozens of parents for unsigned or undated forms.
4. If your personal physician is not an option to complete the part C of the health form, check around for nearby places such as Walgreens, Well Street, or other family practices doing specials for inexpensive "sports physicals".

The health form and information can be found via this link

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx>. Please choose the "Are You Going to Camp?" download link that includes part A, B, and C. If you have any questions about Health Forms you can email Pam Sutton at [pam@grubbyboys.com](mailto:pam@grubbyboys.com).

## **Did you know?** <http://www.troop629.org/calendar/index.htm>

The calendar has been posted for the rest of the year. Take a look ahead to see which adventures you don't want to miss! There's something out there for everyone! Have an idea? Let your PLC know!

## **Advancement** <http://www.troop629.org/advancement/index.htm>

By now, everyone should be working from the updated handbook. Please see Mrs. Narayana if you do not have one or if you have any questions about how this affects you and your rank.

## **RSVP for ACTIVITIES** <http://www.troop629.org/events/index.htm>

We ask that you please submit your RSVP form for Troop activities 2 Mondays prior to the event. That gives us about 10 days to finalize the details with a solid number of participants. We would like to give everyone as much notice as possible when planning and arranging for adult volunteers, drivers, and paying deposits.

## **High Adventure** <http://www.troop629.org/Adventure/index.htm>

Did you know that we start planning these over a year in advance? That's what it takes to secure a spot for our Troop to participate in Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont, Summit or the new Cavalcade. Parents, please come on in to the Troop meetings and take a look at the info flyers on the back table. All the flyers and related info are also posted on the Troop web site. Adults are needed for High Adventure too, and special training is required and well worth the fun!

## **Life to Eagle** <http://www.troop629.org/advancement/lifetoeagle.htm>

Check the Troop web site to see where you are in the process. Mrs. Narayana has updated everyone's records. Please be sure to follow the directions for the Eagle advancement process; it will help you be sure to get everything done on time.



## **Den Chiefs**

Looking for a leadership position? A great way to serve and have some fun in the process is to be a Den Chief for a local Cub Scout Den. See Mr. Calvert, or email him at [stouf29@yahoo.com](mailto:stouf29@yahoo.com)



## **Camp Cards Fundraiser**

Camp Card Sales are in full swing. If you are willing to put in the time, you could raise the money for your next High Adventure Trip! This is a terrific fundraising opportunity to fill your HA account.



## **Merit Badge Counselors**

Please remember to update your YPT training. We want to be sure we observe all Youth Protection rules at all times with all of our Adult Leaders and Scouts. See Mr. Gillis with any questions.

# Looking ahead...



## **MARCH** (remaining)

Monday, March 13 Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Tuesday, March 14 6PM Merit Badge Help Night, Front Steps (South Campus)  
Thursday, March 16 District RoundTable  
Friday-Sunday, March 17-19 Northern Ridge District Camporee – Woodruff, NYLT Staff Dev 2  
Sunday, March 19 ECOH Andrew Grigsby 4pm@Studio B  
Monday, March 20 Board of Review, Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Saturday, March 25 Annual Council Planning  
Monday, March 27 Troop Meeting (North Campus)

## **APRIL**

Sunday-Sunday, April 2-9 Fulton County Spring Break, Florida SeaBase  
Monday, April 3 NO Meeting  
Monday, April 10 Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Tuesday, April 11 6pm Merit Badge Help Night Front Steps (South Campus)  
Thursday, April 13 PLC North Campus S215 (7-8pm)  
Saturday, April 15 Garage Sale (?)  
Monday, April 17 Board of Review, New Parents Night, Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Thursday, April 20 District RoundTable  
Saturday-Sunday, April 22-23 FDR Horseback/Callaway Tree Top/Safari  
Sunday, April 23 Sam Warren ECOH 4pm @ North Campus S305  
Monday, April 24 Troop Court of Honor, Troop Meeting NC  
Friday-Sunday, April 28-30 NYLT Staff Dev 3

## **MAY**

Monday, May 1 Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Sunday, May 7 Troop Committee  
Monday, May 8 Summer Camp Parents Meeting, Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Tuesday, May 9 6PM Merit Badge Help Night (South Campus Front Steps)  
Thursday, May 11 PLC Meeting (North Campus, S215, 7-8pm)  
Saturday, May 13 Renaissance Festival  
Monday, May 15 Board of Review, Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Thursday, May 18 District RT  
Saturday, May 20 NYLT setup  
Monday, May 22 SPL/PL elections, Troop Meeting (North Campus)  
Thursday, May 25 ILST/PLC Annual Plan  
Friday, May 26 school out-Fulton County  
Sunday, May 28-June 2 NYLT Session #1  
Monday, May 29 Troop Meeting (North Campus)